

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
KAZUTAKA MATSUEDA ET AL.)	Examiner: G. I. Garcia
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Application No.: 09/908,697)	Art Unit: 2625
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Filed: July 20, 2001)	Conf. No. 1944
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For: DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS)	
AND METHOD THAT NOTIFIES A	:	
USER WHEN DATA IS TRANSFERRED)	June 22, 2007

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COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicants submit the following comments on the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance in the Notice of Allowability that accompanied the Notice of Allowance dated March 23, 2007. On page 2, paragraph 2, it states as the reason for allowance that "The prior art of record fails to teach, or suggest the claimed limitation of (in combination with all other features in the claims), a processing apparatus connectable to LAN or a method of controlling a data processing apparatus connectable to a LAN having an identification unit, adapted to obtain user information about a user for whom the image data received by said receiver was received; a transfer unit, adapted to transfer the image data received by said receiver to be printed by said printer from said data processing apparatus to a terminal connected to the LAN through the LAN when it is impossible to

store the image data in said storage unit without printing the image based on the image data received by said receiver by said printer; a generation unit, adapted to generate a predetermined notification, based on the user information obtained by said identification unit, to notify the user that the image data has been transferred by said transfer unit from the destination to another destination, the notification including information indicating the terminal to which the image data is transferred by said transfer unit; and a sending unit, adapted to send the predetermined notification generated by said generation unit to the user corresponding to the user information obtained by said identification unit as mail, as now recited in the independent claims”.

Applicants submit that, in addition, the prior art fails to teach or suggest (1) a receiver, adapted to receive image data sent by a sender, said data processing apparatus being set by the sender as a destination of the image data; (2) a storage unit, adapted to store the image data received by said receiver; or (3) a printer, adapted to print an image based on the image data received by said receiver, as recited in the claims.

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